

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application as amended is respectfully requested.

Claims 2-11, 13-19, and 21-25 are pending. Claims 2-11, 13-18, and 21-25 are allowed.

Claim 19 is rejected. Claims 5, 10, 15-17, and 19 are objected to because of informalities. In this response, no claim has been canceled. Claims 5, 10, 15-16, 19, and 25 have been amended.

Claims 5, 10, 15-17, and 19 are objected to because of informalities. In view of the foregoing amendments, the objections have been overcome.

Claim 19 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to a non-statutory subject matter. Applicant respectfully disagrees. It is respectfully submitted that claim 19 includes limitations that are performed by a computer component. Specifically, claim 19 recites as follows:

19. A computer data signal embodied in a carrier wave comprising:
 - a user interaction code segment to present multiple choice queries to and receive responses from netizens;
 - a response evaluation code segment to evaluate the responses; and
 - a training code segment to update the system and refine the multiple choice queries based on the responses to the queries provided by the netizens.

It is respectfully submitted that one with ordinary skill in the art would consider the user interaction code segment, the response evaluation code segment, and the training code segment are a part of computer program code segments that are executable by a computer. In addition, it is respectfully submitted that the subject matter recited in claim 19 is a well-established patentable subject matter, as evident by a variety of U.S. patents, such as, for example, U.S. Patent Nos. 6,697,876 and 6,697,706. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits the present application is now in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or

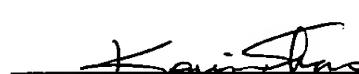
assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (408) 720-8300.

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Respectfully submitted,

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